

STEELE HIS DEFENSE.

AN ENGINEER. HE SAYS NOT A MAKER OF BURGARS' TOOLS.

The alleged Amherst Graduate Penner with District Attorney Books-Not a Proof That He Is a Burglar's Tool. Steele, who is under indictment for having in his possession burglar's tools, was the principal witness in his own behalf at his trial in the County Court, Brooklyn, before Justice Apple yesterday afternoon. Steele, who is a graduate of Amherst College without a certificate to show it, and who is under indictment for having in his possession burglar's tools, was the principal witness in his own behalf at his trial in the County Court, Brooklyn, before Justice Apple yesterday afternoon. Steele, who is a graduate of Amherst College without a certificate to show it, and who is under indictment for having in his possession burglar's tools, was the principal witness in his own behalf at his trial in the County Court, Brooklyn, before Justice Apple yesterday afternoon.

Under cross-examination by District Attorney Books, Steele said he lived at 90 Orange street, Brooklyn, at the time of his arrest, and that he was a draftsman. He had a factory at 75 and 77 Adams street, where he manufactured the "Trilly" puzzle. A drawing was shown him of a submarine boat. He said he had drawn the plans and had made the model. The boat was expected to cross the Atlantic in ten hours. It had never been tried.

There was a safe burglary at Bath Beach on the night of Aug. 5 last, and Steele has been indicted for the crime. He said he was snipe shooting at Rockville Centre, L. I., on Aug. 5 and 6.

"How about the dynamite found in your room?" asked Mr. Books.

"That was to be used in making a channel in Jamaica Bay for a boat club," was the response. "Kind of dangerous stuff," said Mr. Books. "I would rather order a ton of it than Steele," than over ten pounds of gunpowder."

He said he had worked for Thomas A. Edison and others, that he was a mechanical and mining engineer, and when asked if he had ever been in Albany as a witness for a bank burglar he exclaimed: "I defy you to prove it. I defy you, and you know you can't."

He acknowledged having known Frank Sutton, the bank burglar, and said the last time he heard of him Sutton had been arrested in Troy for murder.

A year after his discharge from the Massachusetts State prison, he said, he was walking over the New York and Brooklyn bridge, when a detective met him and called him by name. "If you behave badly, that detective is bound to have remarked," "Byrnes will be sure to find you."

"This man," said Steele, "then told me that Superintendent Byrnes would rather have ten burglars of \$50,000 each committed to town than to have a bank burglar of \$500,000 committed to town, because he was paid by the banks."

"When did this conversation take place?" asked Mr. Books.

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Thomas G. Knight, Vice-President of the Rockville Centre, L. I. Bank, said he saw Steele at that place on Aug. 5 and 6.

Paul Ayre, a master plumber, said he knew Steele as an expert engineer, and that he had made a model of a submarine boat, and had been expected to go across the Atlantic in ten hours. It had never been tried.

A key was shown to the witness and he was asked if it was not a skeleton key. He said it was, and that he had used it to open the door of the County Court, Brooklyn, before Justice Apple yesterday afternoon. Steele, who is a graduate of Amherst College without a certificate to show it, and who is under indictment for having in his possession burglar's tools, was the principal witness in his own behalf at his trial in the County Court, Brooklyn, before Justice Apple yesterday afternoon.

"That's only an impression of the keyhole," the mechanic which is inside does not show on the impression of the keyhole. Steele said he had better confine himself to the law, Mr. Books, suggested Judge Axtell.

Mr. Books said the work, it was said, of Steele, who was employed by mechanics to do their work. The prosecution endeavored to prove that Steele had been in the County Court, Brooklyn, before Justice Apple yesterday afternoon. Steele, who is a graduate of Amherst College without a certificate to show it, and who is under indictment for having in his possession burglar's tools, was the principal witness in his own behalf at his trial in the County Court, Brooklyn, before Justice Apple yesterday afternoon.

The case will go to the jury to-day.

A TRUCK IN THE TROLLEY WAR.

After a lively day both sides quit making arrests, but the trolley war was not over.

The trolley railroad war on Castleman avenue, New Brighton, Staten Island, was continued yesterday with displays of force on the part of both the Staten Island Electric Railroad Company, which is laying the tracks, and the Midland Railroad Company, the light being made for the latter by the Village Trustees.

A large force of police was constantly kept on the ground, and there was no disorder, but hundreds of arrests were made. All during Sunday night the work progressed without interference. The laborers and the trolley already had been arrested, and the police, including a number of members of the Fire Department and conductors and motormen employed by the Electric Company. They were armed with heavy hickory pickaxe handles.

About 8 o'clock yesterday morning Charles F. Hart, a Midland Railroad conductor, appeared upon the scene, accompanied by a large force of men and armed with an order signed by four of the six Trustees of the village, authorizing and directing him to tear up the rails and tie laid by the other company and replace the roadway of the avenue in its original condition.

He exhibited the order to Police Sergeant Fulton, who was then in charge of the police force on the ground, and ordered his men to proceed with the work. The pick-noodle brigade, which was still on duty, made no resistance, but a representative of the village trustees, a company placed in Sergeant Fulton's hands a warrant which had been issued by Justice Van Een for the arrest of Mr. Hart, W. B. Rockwell and Francis McGee, who were charged with obstructing the trolley tracks.

Mr. Hart was arrested, and the work of demolition was stopped before Jacks to tear up the tracks had been adjusted. Mr. Hart was taken to the County Court, Brooklyn, before Justice Apple yesterday afternoon. Steele, who is a graduate of Amherst College without a certificate to show it, and who is under indictment for having in his possession burglar's tools, was the principal witness in his own behalf at his trial in the County Court, Brooklyn, before Justice Apple yesterday afternoon.

Meanwhile the work of construction was steadily progressing. The rails had been laid and spiked for a distance of 1,500 feet, poles had been put up, and the trolley wire stretched. About 2:30 in the afternoon Contractor McGee reappeared with thirty-one laborers, and again exhibiting his order from the Trustees, he began to lay the tracks. The trolley war was not over.

Another warrant, similar to the one served in the morning, was at hand, and this was issued by Sergeant Cobb, who took into custody Messrs C. F. Hart, J. A. Hart, and J. A. Hart, all of the members of the firm of Hart, Driggs and Midland contractors, together with the village trustees. They were marched to the village jail and released.

Meanwhile Trustee Peter McHugh had sworn out a warrant against the trustees, charging John Doe and others with violating the village ordinance prohibiting the opening of streets without a license, and had caused a hundred of the laborers and two foremen employed in laying the tracks were taken into custody. They were marched to the village jail, followed by an immense crowd, and after their pedigrees were taken they were released.

ART NOTES.

Exhibition by Peleus of the American Academy of Art.

An exhibition of great professional interest and one that should have attracted to all who wish to keep in touch with the progress of American art has just been opened at the American Fine Arts Gallery, in West Fifty-seventh street. It consists of the work sent by students who are or have been in residence at the American Academy in Rome. The foundation of this institution and its installation in the Villa dell' Aurora were referred to in these columns a few days ago in a notice of the award of the Lazarus Scholarship for mural painting. This exhibition is composed entirely of architectural designs and plans, with sketches and studies of notable buildings and monuments in Italy, Greece, and France. The largest number of envois comes from Harold Van Buren Macgill, holder of the Rotch Travelling Scholarship, Boston. His principal work is a plan and elevation of the northern portion of the Erechtheion at Athens; the dual palace, Venice, and the Chateau de Blois, including water color and pencil sketches. Mr. Macgill's list reaches a total of one hundred and sixty-six. The more important projects of the exhibition are the plan of the Rotch Travelling Scholarship, there are plans of the baths of Caracalla, actual state and restored, Hadrian's villa, the theatre of Marcellus, and the Erechtheion, as well as some excellent drawings. A water color of the Colosseum monument at Venice is particularly good. From Percy Ash, holder of the University of Pennsylvania Travelling Scholarship, there are plans of the baths of Caracalla, actual state and restored, Hadrian's villa, the theatre of Marcellus, and the Erechtheion, as well as some excellent drawings. A water color of the Colosseum monument at Venice is particularly good.

Other drawings are sent by George Bispham Page, Travelling Scholarship of the University of Pennsylvania, and Seth Justin Temple, Columbia University Travelling Scholarship. George W. Breck's competitive work for the Lazarus Scholarship will be added to the exhibition in a day or two, and studies and drawings by A. Phimister Proctor and Hermon McNeil, sculptors, who hold the Rotch Travelling Scholarship, Baltimore, will be exhibited as soon as they are received from the Custom House.

AN ANTI-COURTING CRUSADE.

Bridgport's Bachelors Club Taken Members by Force from Sunday-Night Club.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 14.—The Bachelors Club has taken members by force from the Sunday-Night Club, a society which has as members most of the conspicuous Catholic young men of this city, and occupies a handsome club house at Main and Second streets.

Some months ago the club was organized, and for a time the members were very enthusiastic and lived up to the pledge to give up best girls and Sunday-night clubs. Many of them broke the pledge, and now there is trouble which has led to a break-up of the club.

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CHOATE'S LAMPS UNLIT.

A BICYCLE COP SPOILS THE EMILY LAWRENCE'S DRIVE.

Says the Coachman was Hidden to Drive Over Him, Which the Lawyer Denies— "Ignorance of the Law's No Excuse." Choate's Lamp-Lighter.

Mr. Joseph H. Choate, the eminent lawyer, was driven to a police station on Sunday evening by a policeman. He was not under arrest, but his coachman was, and Magistrate Wentworth, who tried the coachman in the Yorkville Police Court yesterday morning, fined him \$10. Mr. Choate, who came to court with his coachman, said he was not under arrest, but his coachman was, and Magistrate Wentworth, who tried the coachman in the Yorkville Police Court yesterday morning, fined him \$10.

The crime for which Coachman Harper was arrested and Mr. Choate was taken to the police station was driving a carriage in the public street after dark without lighted lamps. One thing brought out by the court proceedings was that Mr. Choate, learned as he is in laws and precedents, is a bit shy on city ordinances. For he confessed yesterday that he knew of no ordinance requiring the lighting of lamps after dark.

Here is the story of the affair as related by the Police Commissioner. It was about half past 5 Sunday-afternoon. Magistrate, who belongs to the bicycle squad of the East Twenty-second street police station, was standing on the sidewalk near the corner of the street, and saw a carriage, drawn by a big bay and a gray, come down the street. The carriage was with lamps unlighted. As the carriage passed he called out:

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MR. SCHWAB'S 100TH BIRTHDAY.

He Opened the Door to Each of the Guests.

Emmanuel Schwab celebrated his 100th birthday at his home, 321 East Fifty-sixth street, yesterday. Invitations were sent out in his own handwriting, and during the day he was kept busy going to the door to welcome his friends, which he insisted upon doing himself. It was Mr. Schwab who attracted the attention of visitors at the polls on Second avenue on Election day, when he cast his vote for McKinley, and sauntered away as though a centenarian voting was an every day occurrence.

Yesterday he said that he had never felt better in his life, and on Saturday he walked up to Mount Sinai Hospital to see his friend Mr. Cohen, who is 94 years old. He is in the habit of taking a two mile walk every morning, and he spends the rest of the day reading, smoking, and playing piano, at which he is an expert. He seldom wears glasses, and without them can read the smallest print. He speaks English, French, German and Hebrew. Last week Mr. Schwab performed a marriage ceremony and a same day composed a poem in eight stanzas, which he read at the silver wedding of a couple married by him twenty-five years ago.

Yesterday he entertained his friends by singing a song he learned when 12 years old, and telling how Napoleon and Napoleon visited him on Avenue. His wheel rested against the curb and his eyes looked up and down the street to catch sight of a starling or a sparrow flying without a lamp. While he was standing there he saw a carriage, drawn by a big bay and a gray, come down the street. The carriage was with lamps unlighted. As the carriage passed he called out:

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TAKEN BY FLY-BY-NIGHTS.

COLLEGE POINTERS DUPED BY THE SAN FRANCISCO FUMMERS.

Gave Up Their Money to See a Fire Eater Swallow Burning Cotton Balls While the Ticket Holder Climbed Down a Ladder and Stopped at